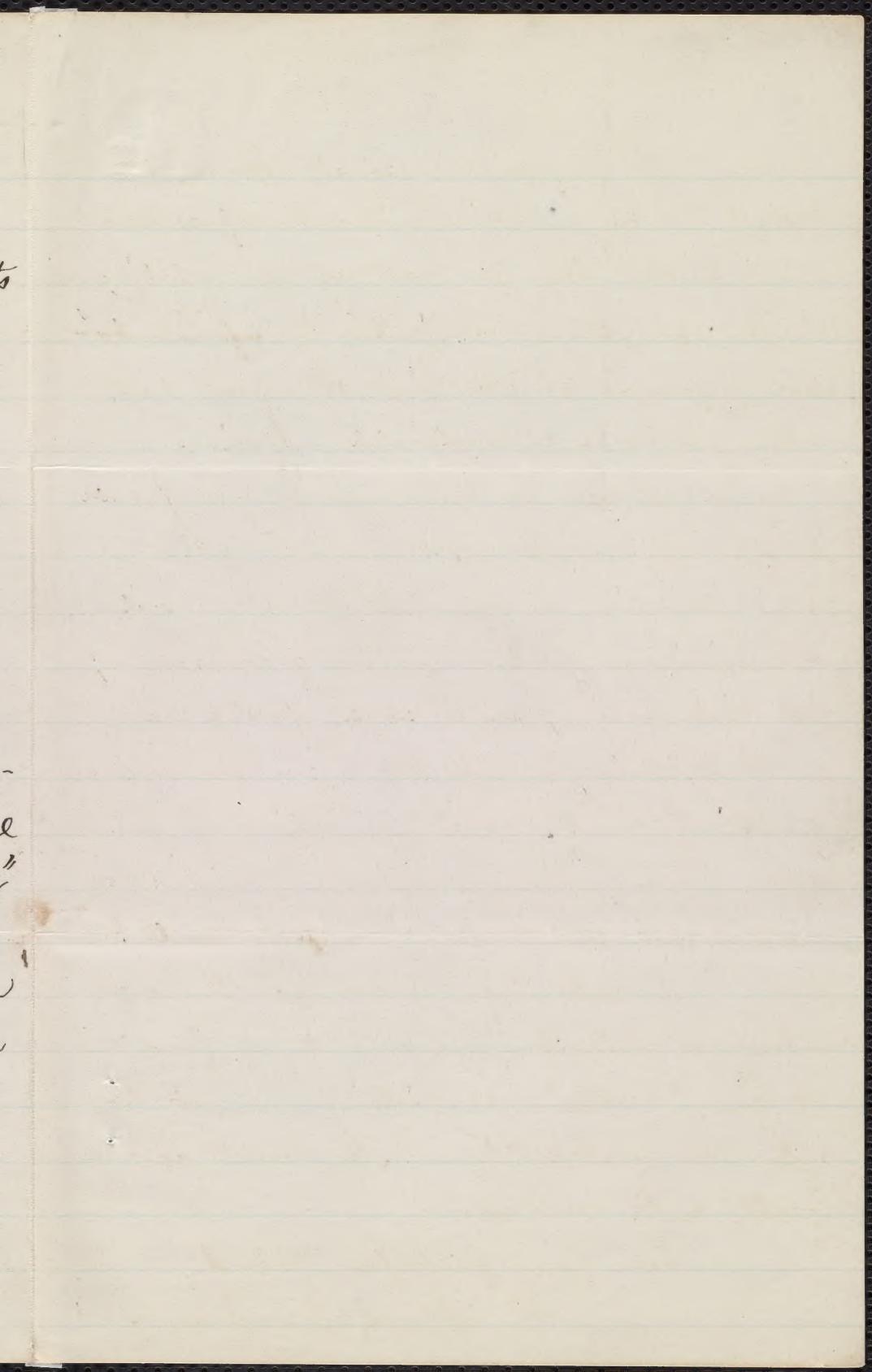
characteristic to principle Lev. Samuel May MASS. bare of the Sergeant-at-Arms, State House, Boston.



Roxbury, June 15, 1875. Dear friend May: Thanks for your letter, with its characteristic Kindness. Mayor bobb sent me, some days ago, an official invitation to be present at the Centennial Celebration on the 17th inst., among the invited quests of the city. I declined it with thanks for the courtesy thus extended to me; not only because I do not wish to incur the discompost and exposure of such a formidable gathering, but really (in new of our past recreancy as a nation for at least ninety, years of the century) becouse of cornot awaken any enthusiasm in my breast on the subject. Chattel slavery, thank Heaven, is abolished, but equal right, we not enjoyed or recognised, even for those who have been emancipated; and it is humiliating to think that, while the old levolutionary

ground of complaint against the mother country was taxation without representation, to this day one half of the inhabitants taxation, are deprived of all right of representation either in local or national affairs. I am much obliged to you for so Kindly offering to assist me in gotting a good position at the State House to watness the military funtion of the procession; but that portion, though as a specta cle the most striking, would be to me the least attractive, and the most suggestive of painful reflections. The glory and the juilt of war - when will they cease in all the earth! I shall hope to see you before your return to Leicester, and will try to find you ut your mother's or sisters the next day after the celebration. My health is now pretty well restored. tver your faithful friend, Them Sloyd Garrison.



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